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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door comprising:  
an outer door skin and an inner door panel defining an interior of the vehicle door;  
a manually actuatable element;  
a latch mechanism operable by the manually actuatable element;  
a trim panel mounted adjacent the inner door panel, the trim panel having a vehicle interior side; and  
a seal that seals the manually ~~operable~~ actuatable element relative to the trim panel to prevent moisture from passing to the vehicle interior side of the trim panel.
2. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 1 in which the seal is provided by sealing the manually actuatable element to the trim panel
3. (Original) The vehicle door according to Claim 1 in which the manually actuatable element is located by a bezel, the bezel being secured to the trim panel.
4. (Original) The vehicle door according to Claim 3 in which the seal is provided by sealing the manually actuatable element to the bezel, and sealing the bezel to the trim panel.
5. (Original) The vehicle door according to Claim 4 in which the manually actuatable element, the bezel and a portion of the seal are provided as a subassembly, with the manually actuatable element being sealed to the bezel by the portion of the seal.
6. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to claim 1 in which the manually actuatable element is an inside door handle arrangement.
7. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 6 in which the inside door handle arrangement includes an inside door handle and a substantially vertical shaft.

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8. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 in which the inside door handle is integral with the substantially vertical shaft.

9. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 in which the substantially vertical shaft is connected to an operating lever, the operating lever operating the latch mechanism.

10. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 in which the substantially vertical shaft is sealed relative to the trim panel.

11. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 in which the manually actuatable element is located by a bezel, the bezel being secured to the trim panel and the substantially vertical shaft is sealed relative to the bezel.

12. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 1 in which the manually actuatable element is a sill button arrangement.

13. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 12 in which the sill button arrangement includes a sill button and an operating rod.

14. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 13 in which the sill button is integral with the operating rod.

15. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 13 in which the operating rod is sealed relative to the trim panel.

16. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to Claim 13 in which the manually actuatable element is located by a bezel, the bezel being secured to the trim panel and the operating rod is sealed relative to the bezel.

17. (Original) The vehicle door according to claim 1 in which the seal includes an o-ring.

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18. (Withdrawn) The vehicle door according to claim 1 in which the periphery of the trim panel is sealed to said vehicle door.

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19. (Withdrawn) A vehicle comprising:

a door aperture having a lower edge seal mounted thereon; and  
a vehicle door mounted in the door aperture including a manually actuatable element, a latch mechanism, the latch mechanism being operated by the manually actuatable element, and a trim panel, in which a seal is provided to seal the manually operable element relative to the trim panel, in which the periphery of the trim panel is outboard of the lower edge seal which is mounted on the door aperture.